

OPINION 1353

MYZUS FESTUCAE THEOBALD, 1917 (INSECTA, HEMIPTERA):
CONSERVED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that the specific name *festucae* Theobald, 1917, as published in the binomen *Myzus festucae*, is to be given precedence over the specific name *myrmecophilum* Theobald, 1916, as published in the binomen *Macrosiphum myrmecophilum*, whenever the two names are considered synonyms.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *festucae* Theobald, 1917, as published in the binomen *Myzus festucae*, with an endorsement that it is to be given precedence over *myrmecophilum* Theobald, 1916, as published in the binomen *Macrosiphum myrmecophilum*, whenever the two names are considered synonyms (Name Number 3020);
- (b) *myrmecophilum* Theobald, 1916, as published in the binomen *Macrosiphum myrmecophilum*, with an endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *festucae* Theobald, 1917, as published in the binomen *Myzus festucae*, whenever the two names are considered synonyms (Name Number 3021).

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2389

An application for the conservation of *Myzus festucae* Theobald, 1917 was first received from Dr H. L. G. Stroyan (*MAFF, Harpenden, U.K.*) on 2 September 1981. After some correspondence a draft was sent to the printers on 25 August 1982 and published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 40, pp. 53–55. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general and nine entomological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 15 January 1985 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1985)20 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 40, p. 55. At the close of the voting period on 15 April 1985 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-two (22) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Savage, Lehtinen, Willink, Sabrosky, Trjapitzin, Hahn, Cocks, Starobogatov, Brinck, Alvarado, Corliss, Uéno, Schuster, Bayer, Kraus, Cogger, Heppell, Bernardi, Dupuis, Ride

Negative Votes — none (0).

Late affirmative votes were returned by Halvorsen and Binder.

No vote was returned by Mroczkowski.

Bernardi commented: 'Je vote pour, mais ne serait-il pas plus simple de placer le nom *M. myrmecophilum* sur l'Index officiel des noms spécifiques rejetés et invalides en zoologie?'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

festucae, *Myzus* Theobald, 1917, *Entomologist*, vol. 50, p. 80

myrmecophilum, *Macrosiphum*, Theobald, 1916, *ibid.*, vol. 49, p. 49.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (85)20 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1353.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

24 May 1985